GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:350
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
TRAGEDY IN BOKARO THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether about five workers have died and about twenty injured in the recent incident of roof collapse in the Machine Shop of Power Centre of the Bokaro Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether action has been taken by the Government against the persons found guilty of this accident;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have provided any financial and other assistance to the affected persons; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 350 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 14.08.2003 REGARDING TRAGEDY IN BOKARO THERMAL POWER STATION.

(a) to (f) : On 23.06.2003, the entire roof of Heavy Equipment Repair Shop(Machine Shop) at Bokaro `B` Thermal Power Station of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) collapsed causing death of four and injury to ten employeeswho were inside the building at the time of the accident.

The Sr. Divisional Engineer (Civil) who was in charge ofmaintenance of the building and was responsible for the structural stability tests of the building was suspended after the accident. The DVC constituted a Committeeto enquire into the incident. It has also asked the Central Electricity Authority(CEA) to quickly conduct probe into the incident.CEA has given its report. DVC has been asked to fix responsibility and take action.

Ex-gratia of rupees one lakh each has been paid to the families of the deceased personnel. Appointment offers to the widows of the deceased personnel have been issued. Three widows have already joined.